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TO AMEMBASSY KABUL

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, EINV, AF

SUBJECT: PANAM-ARIANA RELATIONS

REF: (A) KABUL 4787; (B) KABUL 4786; (C) STATE 172661

1. NEA/PAB PASSED CONTENTS REFTEL A TO TRIPPE AND DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE REFTEL B AS SUGGESTED BY EMBASSY.

2. FYI. TRIPPE HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHEN TO COME TO KABUL BUT IS CONTEMPLATING VISIT BEFORE END OF JULY. NEA/PAB HAS RECEIVED PANAM LETTER DATED JULY 24, FORMALLY REQUESTING USG OPINION ON COMPANY'S DESIRE TO SELL ALL OR PART OF ITS 49 PER CENT INTEREST. END FYI.

3. IN DISCUSSION JULY 25 WITH TRIPPE, DESKOFF EXPRESSED EMBASSY/BENNETT PREFERENCE THAT COMPTROLLER DISPUTE NOT RPT NOT BE LINKED TO PANAM'S DESIRE TO DIVEST . HE REITERATED OUR INTEREST IN SEEING THAT AIRLINE CONTINUES TO BE PROPERLY RUN AND THAT THIS MIGHT BE DIFFICULT IF PANAM'S SHARES IN COMPANY FALL BELOW ONE-THIRD.

4. TRIPPE REPLIED THAT HE VIEWS NAJEEB'S ACTIONS ON COMPTROLLER AS FUNDAMENTAL EFFORT TO GET OPERATIONAL CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTROL OF COMPANY, NOT RPT NOT AS NARROW FINANCIAL

DISPUTE. HE FEELS THERE VERY LITTLE PANAM CAN DO IF GOA  
THROUGH NAJEEB CHOOSES TO MODIFY 1957 AGREEMENT UNILATER-  
ALLY. IF HIS PERCEPTION ACCURATE, HE BELIEVES PANAM HAS  
NO CHOICE BUT TO TRY TO NEGOTIATE ITS WAY OUT OF ARIANA.  
HE SAID ARIANA HAS DEVELOPED INTO SOLID REGIONAL CARRIER  
UNDER PANAM TUTELAGE OVER PAST 18 YEARS AND THAT IF GOA,  
AS MAJORITY STOCKHOLDER, WANTS FULL CONTROL OVER ITS  
NATIONAL AIRLINE (FOR WHATEVER REASON), PANAM SHOULD NOT  
STAND IN WAY.

5. IT OF COURSE PROBABLE THAT TRIPPE'S VIEWS ON NATURE  
OF COMPTROLLER DISPUTE COLORED BY PANAM FINANCIAL NEEDS.  
WE INTEND TO DISCUSS ISSUE IN MORE DEPTH WITH PANAM  
MONDAY (WITH EB/CONSTABLE/RAU PARTICIPATION)IN RESPONSE  
TO PANAM LETTER. WILL ADVISE OUTCOME THESE DISCUSSIONS.  
IN MEANTIME WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER EMBASSY COMMENTS OR  
SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT ACTIONS WE MIGHT TAKE, INCLUDING  
RAISING ISSUE IN KABUL AT HIGHEST LEVEL. IF PANAM'S  
FINANCIAL IMPERATIVE TURNS OUT TO BE MOST PERSUASIVE  
ARGUMENT, WE MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER WHETHER OPTION OF  
TECHNICLLSERVICES CONTRACT WITH PANAM OR OTHER AMERICAN  
CARRIER WOULD BE OF UTILITY IN HELPING TO MAINTAIN  
ACCEPTABLE AIRLINE STANDARDS. KISSINGER

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